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Proceedings.

Pike County, Miss., September 5, 1911.

The Pearl River Baptist Association met this day with Magee's Creek Baptist church, two miles west of Darbun, Miss., in its ninety-second annual session, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. T. Thompson by reading some verses from the 14th Chapter of John, leading prayer by him and closing prayer by Rev. J. B. Quinn.

In the absence of both moderator and secretary the treasurer called the association to order. On motion, Rev. T. D. Cox was elected moderator pro tem, then the moderator appointed G. M. Carr secretary pro tem.

On motion by Rev. J. B. Quinn, the following order of business was adopted:

Special order of business for this session of the association.

1. Enrolling the names of the delegates from the churches.

2. Organization.
3. Call for the church letters.
4. Receiving petitionary letters.
5. Correspondence.
6. Report on church discipline.
7. Miscellaneous business.

8. Announcements and adjournment.

Wednesday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises, 9 to 9:15.
 2. Seading of the minutes and miscellaneous business, 9:15 to 9:30.
 3. Report on publications, 9:30 to 10:15.
 4. Report on missions and laymen's work, 10:15 to 12.
 5. Announcements and adjournment.
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Wednesday Afternoon.

1. Layman's missionary movement discussion, 1:15 to 2.
 2. Pastoral support, 2 to 2:45.
 3. Report on temperance, 2:45 to 3:35.
 4. Report on Baptist Hospital and apportionment, 3:30 to 4.
 5. Announcements and adjournment.
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Thursday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises, 9 to 9:15.
2. Miscellaneous business, 9:15 to 9:30.
3. Report on orphanage, 9:30 to 10:15.
4. Report on Sunday school, 10:15 to 11:15.
5. Report on christian and ministerial education, 11:15 to 12.
6. Announcement and adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.

1. Christian education again, 1:15 to 1:45.
 2. Report on woman's work, 1:45 to 2:30.
 3. Report on nominations.
 4. Treasurer's report.
 5. Finance report.
 6. Resolutions.
 7. Announcement and adjournment. The hour having arrived for the introductory sermon, the appointee, Rev. J. B. Quinn, preached an excellent sermon from the 13th chapter of John.
- On motion, one hour was had for refreshments.

First Day--Afternoon.

The moderator called the association to order and proceeded to call for a list of the churches and the enrollment of the following named delegates:

1. Antioch—H. H. Pittman and G. H. Boyles.
2. Cedar Grove—G. G. Burkett, W. W. Moye, E. R. Applewhite and N. J. Dowdy.
3. China Grove—A. S. Forbes, W. O. Sharp and A. R. Ratliff.
4. Columbia—Rev. J. B. Quinn, W. A. Murray, and W. F. Kyzer.
5. Edna—W. H. Askew and J. I. Cooper.
6. Emanuel—H. F. Patterson and H. C. Patterson.
7. Good Hope—Q. G. Bryant and S. J. Webster.
8. Holly Springs—G. M. Carr, J. C. Dunaway and Charley Lowe.
9. Hickman—J. M. Martin and T. G. Rester.

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10. Improve--J. W. Hitt, S. M. Watts and E. Singley.
11. Jamestown--A. A. Lowe and R. W. Burkett.
12. Little River--J. A. Cook.
14. Magee's Creek--J. D. Thornhill, J. T. Holmes and T. L. Jones.
14. Morgantown--D. W. Dunaway, A. J. Dunaway and R. A. Eddleman.
15. New Hope--L. W. McKenzie and Walter Pittman.
16. Oloh--Wilbur Lott and Vester Lott.
17. Philadelphia--W. T. Graves, Jno. C. Ryals and W. B. Bourn.
18. Pinebur--not represented.
19. Shiloh--E. H. Williamson and Wesley Hunt.
20. West Columbia--J. M. Graham and Carl Barkley.
21. White Bluff--Dixie May and C. J. Carmichael.

Motion prevailed that a permanent organization be effected by the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. T. D. Cox, Moderator; G. M. Carr, Secretary; E. R. Applewhite, Treasurer.

The moderator appointed the following as a committee on finance: John C. Ryals, E. H. Williamson and G. G. Berkett.

The letters from churches were called in alphabetical order and read with the exception of New Hope, Little River and Pinebur.

On motion, the letters and delegates were received.

Received correspondence as follows: Foreign Mission Board, Rev. J. B. Quinn; Home Mission Board, G. H. Suttle; State Mission Board, L. T. Thompson;

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Pearl Leaf Association, L. T. Thompson and Rev. J. E. Davis; Lawrence County Association, Rev. R. L. Bridges and J. R. Hitt. The moderator extended the hand of welcome on behalf of the association.

Correspondents to other associations were named as follows: Lawrence County Association—Rev. R. F. Bass, Rev. J. B. Quinn, E. C. Bennett, H. F. Patterson and W. C. Bennett. State Line Association—Rev. R. F. Bass, Rev. W. J. Sargent, Rev. J. B. Quinn, and Rev. G. H. Suttle. Pearl Leaf Association—S. J. Webster, Q. G. Bryant and Wilber Lott. State Convention—Rev. J. B. Quinn, Rev. G. H. Suttle, and N. R. Drummond.

Report on church discipline was read by W. J. Sargent, discussed by him, Rev. G. H. Suttle and Rev. J. E. Davis, and on motion was adopted.

The following committee on obituaries was appointed by the moderator: D. W. Dunaway, H. C. Patterson and A. Ratliff.

The welcome address was by Brother G. B. Richmond in behalf of Magee's Creek church to make the delegates and visitors of the churches to feel at home while with them.

On motion, the association adjourned till Wednesday morning, closing prayer by Rev. R. L. Bridges.

Wednesday Morning.

The moderator called the association to order at 9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. B. Quinn, leading prayer by W. A. Murray after reading

some verses from 1th chapter of Acts Closing prayer by Brother W. T. Graves.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. Then letters from Edna and Little River were called and read. On motion, letters and delegates were received.

Report on publications was read by W. T. Graves, and discussed by the following brethren: W. T. Graves, J. R. Hitt, R. A. Eddleman and C. T. Carmichael.

On motion was adopted.

Report on foreign missions was read by Rev. J. B. Quinn.

Home missions by Rev. G. H. Suttle.

State missions by R. F. Bass.

The report on missions and layman's work were discussed by the following brethren: J. B. Quinn, G. H. Suttle, N. N. Bass, N. R. Drummond, J. E. Davis, and W. J. Sargent.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Moderator called association to order.

On motion, a number of the delegates were given leave of absence from the association.

On motion that we indorse the report on layman's missionary movement, be written by Brother N. R. Drummond and adopted.

Report on pastoral support was read by Brother J. D. Thornhill and discussed by the following brethren: J. D. Thornhill, G. H. Suttle, G. H. Boyles, J. W. Hitt, J. B. Quinn, and C. T. Carmichael. On motion, the report was adopted.

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Report on temperance was read by R. F. Bass, written by E. P. Rankin, and discussed by the following brethren: R. F. Bass, J. B. Quinn, the chair being filled, the moderator, Rev. T. D. Cox, spoke, J. R. Hitt, R. A. Eddleman, C. T. Carmichael, G. H. Suttle, and J. E. Davis, and adopted.

Report on the Baptist hospital was read by Brother J. R. Hitt and adopted.

The report on nominations was read by J. W. Hitt and adopted.

A committee on Sunday school institute work was appointed as follows: N. R. Drummond, chairman; R. A. Eddleman and J. R. Hitt.

The following committee was appointed on nominations: Rev. J. B. Quinn, chairman, J. W. Hitt, W. H. Askew, J. D. Thornhill, G. H. Boyles, and N. J. Dowdy.

On motion, the association adjourned till Thursday morning, 9 o'clock. Closing prayer by Rev. J. B. Quinn.

Thursday Morning.

Moderator called association to order.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. F. Bass by reading 23rd Psalm and prayer by N. R. Drummond.

On motion, Brother E. I. Watts was elected chairman of the Layman's Missionary Work.

On motion, Sister G. H. Suttle was elected vice-president of Woman's Work.

On motion, Brother C. T. Carmichael was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Brother R. A. Eddleman alternate.

On motion, the moderator was to take up the apportionment of the churches as to the defraying the expenses of the delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Report on orphanage was read by Brother G. B. Richmond, discussed by the following brethren: G. B. Richmond, R. A. Eddleman, J. B. Quinn, and L. I. Thompson. On motion, was adopted.

Report on Sunday School was read by N. R. Drummond, discussed by Brethren N. R. Drummond, J. B. Quinn and G. H. Suttle. Adopted.

Report on orphanage was read by Brother G. B. Richmond and discussed by the following brethren, G. B. Richmond, R. A. Eddleman, J. B. Quinn, and L. T. Thompson. On motion, the report was adopted.

Report on ministerial education was read by Brother R. A. Eddleman, the chair being previously filled by Rev. J. B. Quinn.

The report on Mississippi College was read by Brother T. D. Cox. These reports were discussed by Brethren R. A. Eddleman, T. D. Cox, L. J. Thompson and J. B. Quinn. On motion, they were adopted.

Report on woman's work was written by Mrs. James B. Quinn and read by Rev. J. B. Quinn, discussed by him and adopted.

Report on treasury was read by E. R. Applewhite, On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the association adjourned to meet at Columbia on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1912. Closing prayer by Rev. J. B. Quinn.

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Report on finance was read by E. H. Williamson.
On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the clerk was to receive the usual fee of \$15.00.

On motion, that the clerk send the minutes to the respective churches at his own expense and collect the same from the churches.

A resolution was voted that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the pastor, his wife, the church and the people of this neighborhood for the hospitable entertainment of the delegates and visitors of the association.

Discipline.

Matt. 8:15-18. Cor. 5:7-12. Thess. 3:6 16.

The best church discipline is taught by Jesus. If a brother is offended by another he is to go alone to the offender. If the offending brother fails to hear the offended one, then there must be carried witnesses. If the witnesses are not heard the difficulties are to be presented to the church.

"Purge out therefore the old leaven that yea may be a new lump." The church that nurses sin in its bosom must die. The grass that is permitted to grow in a corn field will by and by devour the corn. Just true with a church. The church that allows sin to live in its ranks must sooner or later be devoured by that sin.

The brother or brethren who walk disorderly and are busy bodies should not be retained in the church. He or they have no right to the Lord's table, but left to eat their own bread.

Every church should scrutinize the scripture in reference to discipline and practice same as well as other things. While it is just for a church to exclude its erring ones, it is as much right for it to deal calmly and forgivingly. The church or people that cannot forgive is none of Christ's.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SARGENT.

Pastorial Support.

Your committee on pastoral support, submit the following:

The question of pastoral support in many of our churches has become a matter of grave importance. Many of our churches are making progress along this line. They are holding up the pastor's hands while he goes to preach the gospel to dying men and women.

It is needless to say that the pastor who has the hearty support of his churches, and whose whole time is spent in preparation for his work will be better able and his churches enjoy a greater degree of prosperity than the minister who is compelled for want of this support to labor five days in the week for the support of himself and family. There are numbers of God's children today poor and becoming poorer because of what is due him, and strange to say these same people claim to be God's children and read the Bible and can't see their duty. Matt. 3rd chapter reads: "Will a man rob God, yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and in offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith sayeth

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the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Prov. 3:9. Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase. 1st Cor. 16:2. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him that there be no gathering when I come.

The scriptures say, "He that preacheth the gospel shall live of the gospel," and that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

Every member of the church should co-operate in this work and see to it that their pastor is well cared for.

We recommend that those who have means make monthly payments so that the pastor will not have to run in debt and borrow money to meet his obligations.

We also recommend that the money be paid into the treasurer and at the end of each month the pastor go and demand his money. We believe it is a violation of church discipline for any member to refuse to help in the support of the pastor and that they should be dealt with for same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. THORNHILL.

Report on Publication.

We should make a choice of literature as we do the food that we eat, and that choice should be the best that can be had. You know that if the soul ever grows and develops spiritually it must have spiritual food to

eat upon. The soul is hungry all the time, and it hungers for something spiritual. We can't hope to get strength spiritually if we don't make it a habit of reading good pure literature.

One's life is greatly determined by the character of literature that he reads. If one makes a habit of reading impure literature, generally as a rule he is of the same character. So if we ever expect to attain the pure things in this life, we must practice the pure things of this life.

As a rule a great many people make it their business to read an impure novel and place it in their homes where others can read it. Instead of that they should place good literature in their homes. That is one of the great needs of our country today. If it were so in more of our homes than it is I don't think there would be so much wasted time and crime as there is today. It should be a daily habit in every home in our country.

The Bible should take the first place and other literature in connection with it. I think the following papers would be a blessing in every home: The Baptist Record, The Foreign and Home Mission Journals and the Orphanage Gem; that there are other good papers that may be used, such as the Baptist World, Texas Standard, The Western Recorder, The Mississippi Baptist, etc.

If every home in this association will make it a habit of reading their papers, named above, I think it will help them. I take great pleasure in recommending those named above and urge that they be read by all, especially our Baptist people.

Respectfully,

W. T. GRAVES.

Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement thus far has been largely an educational movement. It was begun for the purpose of evangelizing the world in this generation. In order to accomplish it was recognized by those who began the movement that it would be necessary to arouse the laymen in this country to a fuller realization of their duty to give the gospel to the world. In order to reach the laymen, the policy of holding laymen's rallies throughout the country in as many churches as possible was adopted as the most effective method. This policy has been continued from year to year and through these rallies large numbers of laymen have been instructed and aroused.

The work in this association during the past year has been in close touch with our state work. At the suggestion of our state executive committee our associational chairman divided the association into districts. A competent and consecrated leader was placed in charge of each district with the suggestion that he arrange for and hold a meeting in each church. This arrangement proved to be very successful. Those who were appointed as leaders took hold of the work in their respective districts and held meetings in almost all of the churches.

These leaders, working in harmony with the pastors and co-operating with them, have done some very effective work. The result has been that a number of our laymen have become active Christian workers, our people have heard more about missions and have given more to mission causes.

We must realize, however, that the work is far

from being completed, the world is not yet evangelized and comparatively few of our laymen have developed into active Christian workers or have realized their full duty to give of their means to mission causes. There is need, therefore, that the work be continued both for the success of the Cause at home and abroad. Our churches are very much in need of the development that it will bring and our work abroad is very much in need of increased interest and increased gifts.

Perhaps the greatest good that will be derived by the work being carried on in each church by the members of that church where it is possible for it to be done. Each church should have a missionary committee and through mission study classes and public meetings should make an effort to educate its members along missionary lines.

It may seem like a strange statement but it is nevertheless true that the success of this movement, especially in our country churches, will depend largely upon the interest the pastor takes in it. In many of our churches no laymen will be found who will take the lead in the work and unless the pastor takes the lead nothing will be done. Our pastors should, therefore, realize the great good to be derived from this work and should lead their laymen by suggesting work for them, by arranging public meetings in which the laymen are to take part and by organizing and teaching mission study classes. The pastors may sometime arrange very helpful services by assigning a number of topics to laymen to be discussed at the regular preaching hour, the pastor closing the discussion. The laymen who take part in such meetings would derive a great

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deal of good and the whole church would be strengthened. Our laymen should be careful to follow the leadership of the pastors and should be ready to undertake any work suggested by the pastor.

Your committee desires to commend the work of the associational chairman and his helpers during the year just closed and suggest that the work be continued along the same line during the coming year. Let us press forward in the movement until we all realize more fully our duty and until the glorious gospel message be heard throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

N R. DRUMMOND.

Temperance.

The subject is a stupendous one, an alarming one.

We can only indicate the great lines of waste and expense. I will try to give you a few of the costs of intemperance.

1st. It costs us directly nearly \$2,000,000,000 in money every year.

2nd. It costs us from one half to three fourths of the vast sums spent for police forces.

3rd. It costs us many more millions in the various kinds of grains wasted.

4th. It costs the loss of man and capital now interested in the liquor business.

5th. It costs us a tremendous social loss, by disease, mental incompetency, moral depravity, pauperism, all chargeable to the drink cause.

6th. It costs us great political corruption and debauchery making us an object lesson of shame to the

nations of the earth.

7th. It costs us the good name of this christian land because of its complicity with the liquor business by permitting it to be sold.

8th. It costs us millions of homes which otherwise would be happy and prosperous.

9th. It costs us in untold degree and impossible to be computed by demoralizing the manhood, paralyzing the will, vitilizing and debasing the life and thus hindering reforms of all kinds. There is a constant conflict in the human mind between impulse and will. Happy is he who knows how to subordinate his impulse to his reason and will power.

When one learns the lesson of doing what he ought to do, rather than what he wants to do, he has gone a long way on the road to success. Hardly a man living with good sense but knows that alcohol is injurious to the mind, body and soul. And yet sensible men drink it as a beverage. Why? Is it because they are wicked or mean? No, some mean men do drink but not because they are mean as a class. Some of the most big-hearted men that I know anything about are the men who drink.

They like the taste of brandy, whiskey and wine and they allow the impulse to master the will, the judgment, and so they go on down the road to hell.

Freedom is a boon to the human race. The freest man is the man who is at liberty to do as he wills to do. No man is free who allows himself to be governed by his appetite instead of his will.

A man who drinks may not be guilty of all the sins

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that are common but he is certainly placed by the apostle in bad company.

Intemperance has caused many a loss in this world. Men have lost wealth; they have lost positions; have lost friends; they have lost self-respect, but the most serious loss of all—they have lost the kingdom of heaven.

God in his last will and Testament disinherits the man who is guilty of drunkenness.

They which practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. And again real vital religion depends upon purposely living. Now the use of strong drink is not one of the elements of purposeless living; it is one of the disaptations of life. This habit comes when we let down and settle ourselves to a life of pleasure.

Real vital religion prizes too highly the blessings which have come through Jesus Christ who died for us to endanger all these blessings for a trifling indulgence. A religion that does not prize these privileges is a faulty religion. Real spiritual religion must be careful of the company its keeps. Pure men do not willingly associate in loving fellowship with impure men.

Yet the intemperate man deliberately lines himself up with those who stand for evil and unrighteousness.

The lines are so closely drawn that every man who stands the least bit over the line on the side of self-indulgence becomes a shining mark.

Those who wish to go on in intemperate lives are only too glad to find justification in Christians.

No truly spiritual man would ever want to be suspected of being in such a position. The self-respect of the true Christian life ought to make any man of high religious aspirations clear his life of any intemperance.

Throughout the year as Christian people have felt the enlightening power of the gospel, they have come to more and more pronounced an open opposition to the use and sale of intoxicating liquors. There is every prospect that the high standard will be raised rather than lowered. As we apprehend better the true requirements of high and holy Christian living we shall more and more be found on the side of temperance for that is the side of the fruits of the spirit.

Respectfully submitted

E. P. RAWLS.

Report on Baptist Hospital.

In recent years there has been quite an awakening of our Baptist people in regard to hospital work. It will not be difficult for us to understand why this movement did not begin until this time, if we remember that "for many years the Baptist of the South were asleep to their opportunity and their responsibility even in the matter of world evangelization. But now there has come an awakening. And while we are preaching and practicing our Lord's command that we "go into all the world" we are brought to realize that the same is none the less imperative than His command that we administer to the needs of suffering humanity.

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Mississippians have been pressing to the front in hospital work. Besides our interest in the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis, we have our Baptist State Hospital, which began as a Baptist institution in the city of Jackson, January 1, 1911. This institution was organized by a committee appointed for that purpose by the Baptist state convention at its 1910 session. The committee purchased a building from Drs. Hunter and Shands in Jackson for about \$5,000. Brethren McMillan and Simmons went before our people and secured the funds necessary for paying the amount of the purchase price. So that, on January 1st, as before stated, the institution was opened as a Baptist Hospital.

The career for the Jackson Hospital for the first seven months of its existence has been phenomenal. During this period there were sixty cases of major operations, which are the most difficult and the most dangerous operations known to medical surgery. There were thirty-four cases of minor operations and twenty medical cases, making a total of 110 cases. The total income of the hospital during this time was \$3,055.00. Surely these figures ought to please the most sanguine supporters of the institution.

The great need of the hospital now is more room. As a denomination we must provide this room. It is our duty. This hospital ought to become one of our greatest institutions.

Your committee would recommend that our people give financial support to this institution as they may have opportunity, and that they also patronize it when

it becomes necessary to take their loved ones and friends to some hospital for treatment.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. HITT.

The following churches agreed to pay these amounts to help Brother W. A. Murray in Mississippi College:

Cedar Grove ladies	\$ 5.00
Columbia ladies	10.00
Antioch	3.00
Morgantown ladies	5.00
Cedar Grove	10.00
China Grove	2.50
Columbia	25.00
Edna	3.00
Emanuel	3.00
Emanuel ladies	5.00
Holly Springs	3.00
Hickman	5.00
Jamestown	2.20
Magee's Creek	5.00
Morgantown	3.50
New Hope	3.00
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Philadelphia	5.00
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West Columbia	2.50
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Committee on Apportionment.

Columbia, W. A. Murray	\$500.90
Emanuel, H. F. Patterson	10.00
Antioch, Hardy Pittman	20.00
Cedar Grove, E. R. Applewhite	80.00
China Grove, A. R. Ratliff	15.00
Edna, W. H. Askew	15.00
Good Hope, S.J. Webster	5.00
Holley Springs, Charley Lowe	35.00
Hickman, R. F. Bass	15.00
Improve, J. W. Hitt	25.00
Jamestown, A. A. Lowe	10.00
Little River	2.50
Magees Creek, J. D. Thornhill	45.00
Morgantown, A. J. Dunaway	20.00
New Hope, J. N. McKenzie	75.00
Oloh, Wilbur Lott	55.00
Philadelphia, Bennett Bourn	15.00
Pineour	10.00
Shiloh, W. Hunt	10.00
West Columbia, J. T. Graham	12.05
White Bluff, C. Carmichael	10.00

Orphanage Report.

The Baptist Orphanage at Jackson is an institution that belongs to the Baptist people of Mississippi. It has from the beginning made commendable progress. During fourteen years since its establishment many children have been the happy recipients of its benefits. They can comfortably care for 200 children.

Every man and woman can realize the responsibility

that rest upon Brother Carter and should respond to his every need. It takes \$5.00 per month for the support of each child, consequently it cost \$1,200 per year. We want to keep the noble work advancing and urge that every one do their part to help bear the expense.

The Orphanage is one of the grandest institutions of the state. May every one strive more earnestly for its success. The property is worth over \$3120,000 and is increasing in value every year.

G. B. RICHMOND.

Report of Sunday Schools.

The past few years of Sunday School work have been characterized by increased interest on the part of large numbers of our people and increased efficiency on the part of Sunday School workers.

About ten years ago the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention began the policy of employing field secretaries, men of wide experience in Sunday School work who have gone all over the territory of the convention, holding institutes, training workers and arousing interest in all departments of Sunday School and other church work. Through their influence thousands of teachers have taken the Teachers Training Course and prepared themselves for more efficient service.

Nine years ago our State Convention employed a Sunday School secretary to work within our state. Bro. L. P. Leavell who was first employed served in this capacity until he became field secretary of the Sunday School Board. Bro. J. E. Byrd was then employed and has since given his entire time to this work. Through

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the influence of these very capable secretaries much good has been accomplished. Sunday School interest in our state has increased largely during this time. A North Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention and a South Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention have been organized which meet annually and are doing a great work. The encampment at Blue Mountain has been started which serves as a great training camp for workers and it is proposed to start such an encampment in South Mississippi and there has been some talk of locating it within the bounds of this Association.

It would perhaps seem that not much has been accomplished among us along the line of Sunday School work but the number of pupils enrolled in the Sunday Schools of this Association have been doubled within the past five years and better work is being done than ever before.

Perhaps the most important result which has come from the efforts of our secretaries and others who have been trying so faithfully to arouse interest in Sunday School work is the realization of its importance and that special training is necessary for teachers and officers who would do the best work. Just as the teachers of our public schools are required to attend normals and to make special preparation for teaching so should our Sunday School teachers attend institutes and conventions and study the teacher training course that they may be prepared for better teaching.

Much care should be exercised in the selection of teachers and officers and no one should be selected for this work who is not already prepared for it or who is

not willing to prepare for it. Your committee suggests the following as essential qualifications for Sunday School workers naming them in the order of their importance:

1st. To be a consecrated christian and to have a desire to do some real service for God. 2nd. To have a realization of the importance of Sunday School work and to be willing to make sacrifices for it. 3rd. To be willing to prepare for the work by study and by attending institutes and conventions. 4th. To have natural ability. With these qualifications any one will of course make an excellent teacher or officer., without them the best of work cannot be done. It may seem strange that natural ability for the work is placed last in importance but as important as that is, the other qualifications are more important.

There yet remains a great deal to be done before the Sunday Schools of this association become what they should be and before all the workers reach the standard as outlined above. We ought to have more Sunday School institutes and should try to get more of our workers to take the Teachers Training Course.

In order that this may be accomplished your committee recommends that two institutes be held in this association on the 5th Sunday in October and two on the 5th Sunday in March and that a committee of three be appointed to select places and arrange programs for these institutes.

Let us strive to show ourselves more profitable servants, more efficient laborers in our Master's vineyard. Let us study to show ourselves approved unto God—workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing

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the word of truth.

Respectfully submitted,
N. R. DRUMMOND, CHAIRMAN.

Ministerial Education.

Ministerial education is more desirable and essential because education is more general and of a higher grade. This is especially true of country churches, first, because they desire and will appreciate the best service, instruction and leadership a pastor can give. Second, because of the ever increasing number of educated young men and women in these churches.

It is not proposed to make preachers in our colleges and seminaries but to teach and train those whom God has called into this heavenly vocation.

We hold and teach that a call to the ministry is a call to the highest and best possible preparation for that mission.

Where shall our young men whom God hath called into the ministry get this desirable instruction and training?

1. In careful study and prayerful meditation of God's word.

2. To our colleges, Clark Memorial and Mississippi, we prepare men for and urge them to go on to the seminary.

We seek to give the best possible instruction in all the New Testament interpretation, Christian doctrines, church government, pastoral duties, and preparation of sermons.

Last session, Mississippi College had 62 ministerial students. The ministerial board rendered help to

more than half of these There promises to be a large number of applicants for assistance this session.

As a general rule those who receive help enter the ministry late in life, are married and cannot get the desirable preparation without assistance, at least for one or two sessions. The board will need more help and we plead with the churches to intrust the board with the funds for this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. EDDLEMAN.

Woman's Work.

One of the highest aims of the Woman's Missionary Union, is to enlist the individual membership of the churches in the work of missions.

By careful calculation we have found that less than one-fourth of the women in Southern Baptist churches are in Missionary societies. Lack of knowledge seems to be the main reason why more women are not members of Missionary societies and why our gifts are so small. Some one has truthfully said, "Know and you will feel; known and you will give; know and you will pray."

As an organization we have grown and developed wonderfully. There are more than 10,500 societies in Southern Baptist Convention territory, working and reporting through the Union, where ten years ago there were only 2,414 societies.

The young Woman's Auxiliary also shows a great increase, numbering 1,266 societies, an increase of almost Two Hundred societies in the last year. There

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dor societies. The last conventional year the W. M. U.
gave \$127,900.47 for foreign missions, \$82,850.15 for
home missions, \$1,219.38 for the Sunday school board
work, \$1,389.49 for the support of the Margaret Home,
\$2,963 for the training school and \$5,907.95 for the en-
largement and endowment of that institution. \$3,177.-
47 was raised for scholarships and the boxes sent to
missionaries were valued at \$12,000.

Our Mississippi W. M. U. and bands have been ap-
portioned as follows:

- (a). Woman's Societies. For Foreign Missions,
\$5,400; Home Missions, \$3,600; Sunday School Board,
\$80.00; Margaret Home \$75; Training School current
expenses, \$110; Training School enlargement, \$270.
We must also give liberally to the support of our State
Mission works, the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, the
Baptist Hospital at Jackson, and old ministers relief.
- (b). Young Woman's Auxiliary: For Foreign,
\$330; Home Missions, \$200.
- (c). Sunbeams: Foreign Missions, \$60; Home
Missions, \$40.
- (d). Royals Ambassadors are to half support the
boys' school in Toluca, Mexico.

The Margaret Home has as its appointed head Mrs.
Sallie H. Harris. She is said to be a woman of wide
experience and truly capable of filling this important
position. The beautiful ministry of the Margaret
Home has, as many missionaries have said, lessened
one of their sorest burdens and helped to solve one of
their hardest problems; where to place their children
in a safe Christian home where they will receive pro-

per training.

The training school under the efficient and consecrated leadership of the principal, Mrs. W. R. McClure, has since 1907 sent out more than 117 young women to fill responsible positions in Home and Foreign fields. Our Southern Baptist women have realized the need of trained young women for this work, and are looking on with pride at the success already attained by the school. Our prayer is that our women may burden their hearts with this noble work and that we may receive gifts sufficient to enlarge and maintain the school as it grows.

Another feature of this year's work has been the Woman's Foreign Missionary Jubilee, a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Woman's organized work. These meetings were held in six cities within the bounds of the S. B. Convention. The Baptist women in those cities gave \$10,000 for girl school buildings in China and Mexico. This gift is in addition to the apportionment for foreign missions.

Besides the money gifts of the Union, she is exercising great power over the spiritual lives of our women. The meetings held by our women are devotional and educational. We study missions in all of its phases. The methods employed by the Union include enlistment months, weeks of prayer and self-denial, mission study classes, institutes, the free use of literature in the way of tracts and pamphlets, foreign mission journals, home field, denominational papers and our own organ, "Our Mission Fields."

The W. M. U. has done a wonderful work and we earnestly desire the hearty co-operation of the pastors

and laymen of our churches. We pray that the women of our churches may be used of God more largely than ever in the great cause of leading lost souls to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES B. QUINN.

Report of Woman's Meeting First Annual Session.

Song, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Introductory Remarks, Comments on Our Union

Motto—Vice President.

Prayer—Mrs. W. J. Sargent.

Scripture Reading and Comments, Jno. 15 Chapter

—Mrs. I. P. Trotter.

Prayer for Deeper Consecration and Special

Blessing on the Meeting—Mrs. R. A. Eddleman.

The Aims and Purposes of the W. M. U.—Mrs. I. P. Trotter.

Report from Societies—Cedar Grove, Columbia, Hickman, Jamestown, Morgantown, Philadelphia report advancement in the work. Magee's Creek has an organization; report no advancement during the year, though hope to do better, have appointed regular time for meeting and are planning for greater things. Pinebur not represented. China Grove, Antioch, Emanuel, Holly Springs, Improve, Oloh, Shiloh, White Bluff each expressed a desire for help in an organization. Little River, New Hope, Good Hope and Edna not represented by lady delegates.

Prayer for a special blessing upon each member that she may feel more responsible for the success of

her society and may realize that her power to be useful in her society and in her church comes alone from God --Mrs. I. P. Trotter.

What One Thing Has Proved Most Helpful to the Work of My Society This Year? Five of the representatives of the different churches gave helpful suggestions as to what had been most helpful to the work of her society.

What I have gained by being a member of the W. M. U. --Mrs. W. J. Sargent.

Standard of Excellence Explained, by Mrs. I. P. Trotter, each society being urged to do her uttermost to reach her apportionment and carry out standard of excellence.

We have given this year for all purposes \$501.45.

Suggested Apportionment W. M. U.

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible Fund	Margaret Home	Training School Enlargement	Training School Support	Training School Students
Columbia	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Cedar Grove	10.00	10.00	10.00	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Hickman	5.00	3.00	4.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Jamestown	3.00	3.00	3.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Magee's Creek	8.00	7.00	5.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Morgantown	6.00	5.00	4.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Pinebar	3.00	1.00	1.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
West Columbia	2.00	1.00	1.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Philadelphia	5.00	2.50	2.50	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25

Methodist Missionary Societies.
 Magee's Creek—Mrs. Katie Berdon, president;
 Mrs. W. J. Walters, secretary; postoffice, Darbun.
 Morgantown—Mrs. R. A. Eddleman, president;
 Lucy Prescott, secretary; postoffice, Claude.
 Cedar Grove—Mrs. E. R. Applewhite, president;
 Mrs. Wilman Pope, secretary; postoffice, Columbia.
 West Columbia—Mrs. W. J. Sargent, president;
 Miss Julia Barkley, secretary; postoffice, West Colum-
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Columbia—Mrs. C. N. Norton, president; Mrs. J. P. Seals, secretary; postoffice, Columbia.

Jamestown—Mrs. Louis Lane, president; Mrs. O. M. Smyly, secretary; postoffice, Jamestown.
Hickman—Mrs. I. O. W.

Hickman--Mrs. I. O. Warren, president; Mrs. Ida Rester, secretary; postoffice, Hickman.

Thankful to God for the blessings of the past year and knowing that without Him we can do nothing, we are looking for the guidance of His spirit in the future. In recording our heart's loving

In recording our heart's loving response to the sisters of Magee's Church for their most cordial welcome, be it resolved that we make grateful mention:

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1st. Of the courtesies shown us by the ladies of Magee's Creek.

2nd. Of the excellent services of our faithful and efficient officers.

3rd. Of every one, who in any way has shown an interest in the work of our convention and especially to those who have welcomed us into their hospitable homes and have done so much to make our stay pleasant.

4th. Of each worker, who in their societies has

Training School Students	0018	50	63	79	91	96
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done great things for the Lord.

5th. To Mrs. Trotter for her very helpful talks, and to the young lady who printed our programs.

Mrs. R. A. EDDLEMAN,

Mrs. W. J. SARGENT.

Approved by Mrs. G. H. Suttle, Vice Pres.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to submit the following report:

To preach the associational sermon, Rev. G. H. Suttle; alternate, R. A. Eddleman. Foreign missions, N. R. Drummond. Home missions, J. B. Quinn. State Missions, W. A. Murray. Christian education, J. W. Hitt. Ministerial education, Rev. W. S. Graves. Pastoral support, H. F. Patterson. Layman's Missionary Movement, J. R. Hitt. Publications, W. L. Simmons. Baptist hospital, E. R. Applewhite. Woman's work, Mrs. W. J. Sargent. Church discipline, J. D. Thornhill. Temperance, Carl Barkley. Orphanage, Rev. T. D. Cox. Obituaries, C. T. Carmichael. Sunday school, Vester Lott. We recommend that Columbia church be named as the next place of meeting. Time, Tuesday after the first Sunday in September.

The following amounts have been received: Minutes and Clerk, \$36.75; State Missions, \$22.50; Home Missions, \$32.40; Foreign Missions, \$14.00; Orphanage, \$1.50; Total, \$107.15. \$5.70 was paid to Mrs. G. H. Suttles as expenses on Woman's Work as vice-president

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Report on Finance.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to sub-
mit the following report:

We have carefully examined the treasurer's books
and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. RYALS,

E. H. WILLIAMSON,

Q. G. BURKETT.

Committee.

Report on Mississippi College.

Mississippi College was chartered in 1826 as Hamp-
stead Academy at Mt. Salus, now Clifton, nine miles
west from Jackson on the A. & V. railroad. Its name
was soon changed to "Mississippi Academy," and for a
few years it was supported by rents from certain lan/ls
donated by congress for the purpose of aiding an insti-
tution of learning. An effort was made to change the
school into a university but this failed. However, there
were \$5,000 borrowed from the state in the interest of
the school. Its name was changed again in 1828 to
Mississippi College but ownership and management
remained in the hands of the town of Clinton until 1842
when it became a denominational school by passing in-
to the hands of the Presbyterian church. This church
kept her for eight years until 1850, then it became the
property of Mississippi Baptists who have vigorously
guarded her interests for sixty-one years. Since our
ownership the institution has passed through the bitter
experiences of a cruel war and a few yellow fever epi-

demics but she has kept going and stands today as a monument to the memory of Mississippi Baptist loyalty to the cause of Christian education. We are proud of her. First, because she is OURS. We bought her, we have sacrificed for her, we have made her what she is, and she is OURS. Second, because of her noble history Bishop Galloway said several years ago in a speech before Mississippi College that he had rather have the history that backs our college than to have the \$100,000 endowment of their Millsaps College. Our sons inhabit the earth from east to west and almost from pole to pole. The eye of a Mississippi College boy is on the bright of the sun in every hour of the year and they are moving things in every avocation in life. Third, we are proud of her for what she is today. Equipped with modern buildings, with suitable apparatus and fixtures, in part at least, with a \$120,000 endowment, a faculty as good as the best, a student body unexcelled anywhere and a loyal brotherhood to see that her interests are cared for. Our teachers are among the most consecrated and self-sacrificing men to be found anywhere, and the unselfish spirit that characterizes the students is a thing exceptionally commendable. With these things combined with the humble spirit of the people of Clinton make it a most desirable place to place a boy for Christian development.

Why should we patronize Mississippi College? The reason is easily seen. First, because it is OURS. Second, because she needs and well deserves our support. Third, because we get more than value received upon our investment.

Now, brethren, let us give more liberally of our

money, work more faithfully and pray more fervently for the success of this grand old institution which was yesterday, is today, and will be tomorrow the best place in the world to send a boy.

T. D. COX.

Home Mission Report.

Home Missions is the philosophy of making real a Christian civilization in America. To accomplish its purposes is a matter of surpassing importance in any wisely conceived mission policy.

The Old Testament prophets, whose eyes kindled with a vision of the world turning to God, in furthering this divine purpose gave their whole lives to Home Missions. In the Great Commission our Lord gave commands that extend to the utmost limits of the earth, but for all time they also include for each disciple the limits of his own community. They radiate out from that and take in every place between it and the place furthestest away.

In the prosecution of the purpose of our Lord for the redemption of the world, Peter, Phillip, Steven and James were as truly carrying out the divine plan of missions when they preached to the Jews as Paul was when he carried the glad news to the Gentiles. Foreign Missions succeeds only when it settles down and makes itself at home. Home Missions is missions making for itself a real home in the hearts of men, and in the economic, social and civil relationships of our own land. We must insist that the gospel of grace shall rise so high in the hearts of God's people that it shall enrich the arid fields of greed, injustice, crime and

wickedness in our own country. If we do not, we surely cannot think that our gospel is strong enough to conquer heathen nations. Moreover, how shall we reply if the heathen nation shall say to us, "Physician heal thyself?"

Out of 92,000,000 population in America only about 20,000,000 are members of evangelical denominations. About 12,000,000 belong to the Catholics, but their faith is so foreign to the genius of American institutions and so obscures the teachings of the Savior in its idolatrous dogmas of saint worship and papal infallibility that we must regard this religious body as a spiritual liability rather than an asset.

The present growth of the South in material prosperity is marvelous. Our vast material resources are being developed with an almost greedy haste. The enormous property losses of the Civil War have been retrieved and this section has now almost as much wealth as the entire nation had when the war began.

Shall this material prosperity be a curse or a blessing to the South? The christian people of the South hold the answer. If our religion is virile enough to consecrate this wealth to spiritual and moral ends, it will be a blessing. But if not—if the prosperity of our people is devoted to selfish luxury and pleasure—it will become a curse to the people and the nation. We stamp the name of God on our minted coin, but only as that name is engraved on the hearts of living men will it avail for the nation, or for a lost soul. The greatest single threat to the power of religion in the South to-day is the mammon of unconsecrated wealth.

The Home Mission Board conducts many depart-

ments of activity for saving the people and preparing them for lives of service. It has about forty five workers among the foreigners, twenty eight Mountain mission schools with 127 teachers and 4,500 students, eighteen trained evangelists who last year baptised about 3,000 converts, thirty-five negro missionary evangelists working effectively among the Southern negroes, thirty-five missionaries who supply fifty-six churches and mission stations in Cuba five missionaries and four helpers doing a successful work in the Canal Zone, a church building department which aided in building 289 churches last year, and twenty missionaries among the Indians in Oklahoma.

Besides the above, the Home Board participates co-operatively (principally with state mission boards) in a number of states in maintaining about 1,100 missionary pastors. This co-operative mission work is in line with the Convention's instructions to the board to form the closest possible relationship with the existing agencies of the denomination in the various states.

To the end that our board may enlarge its activities and do for the denomination a work worthy of so great a christian body and commensurate with the present urgent needs, your committee pleads for regular and large collections for home missions in the churches. Our board could wisely expend a million dollars a year for it. It ought to do it, if we can only bring our churches to make a liberal response to its needs. Surely Southern Baptists must raise the \$400,000 asked, and our own state its apportionment of \$1,000.

Your committee recommends:

1. That prayer be made in the churches for Home Missions, that God may open our eyes to see and our purses to use the rich opportunities to establish our country on the everlasting Rock of Ages.

2. That regular collections throughout the year be insisted on, instead of waiting, as many do, to the end of the year to give to this cause.

3. That this body provide for apportioning among the churches the amount our association is asked to raise.

4. That our Pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

5. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

6. That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is Austell Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. SUTTLE.

State Missions.

In the first chapter and the eighth verse of the acts of the apostles we find this language "Ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the utmost parts of the earth."

We learn from this all missions are one and that the church member has no right to say one is right and oppose the other. Christ said: begin 1st in Jerusalem at home in your own association. 2nd in all Judea your state and nation. 3rd in Samaria, in the nations nearest you. 4th unto the utmost parts of the whole world. Then in carrying out this we have: 1st state missions, 2nd Home Missions, 3rd Foreign Missions. The work must first be established in Jerusalem and Judea as a basis and from there to the utmost parts of the world. We as people of Mississippi should first consider our own beloved commonwealth as a basis and strive to do all we can to build a substantial foundation here in Mississippi and then we can well spread the glad tidings to all parts of the world.

The greater the per cent of our population to embrace the truth the more contributors and larger the amount of funds we will have to help christianize the rest of the world. Can we expect to do the most for Christ while so many in our own state have not the gospel preached to them? It has been estimated that there are at least 1,000,000 of our people in our state without hope and God.

The man who will work and labor for others and neglect his own home deserves to be detested by his fellow-man, also the man who will let his neighbor's child suffer for the things of which he is blessed should be scorned by all good people but the man who will not help either should be an abomination in our sight.

We bring the contempt of the world upon us when we neglect our own state as a mission field but to fail to do either we fail to follow the teachings of the word of

God and bring reproach upon it and the anger of a just God.

State Mission should take precedence over every other cause. When we build we should look well to the foundation so that the building might stand the test of the storms.

Then we should lay a rock foundation in our own state, a foundation that will hold up the weight and will not give but stand firm when the call comes from our fields. Then the harvesting will not be hindered abroad to repair the foundation of the building at home.

By our fruits we are known. If we, as a Christian people, would do the most for Christ for the spread of the gospel to other lands, we should not withhold a single effort to Christianize our own hopes. I feel when I give to State Missions that I am sowing seed that will spring up and ripen not only in a large harvest for the same Mission, but there will be many a golden cluster for home and foreign mission.

Each man that is redeemed by the efforts of our state mission has created within him a desire to send the good news on. It, within itself, is a training because he sees the outcome of giving.

Our board has helped over 500 churches in this state and the record is that each church so helped has become a helper in the great cause of mission. Our high civilization is due to the influence of Christianity. Then from a patriotic view, from alone of our country and alone of our own people we should do all in our power to enlarge state missions and not be satisfied until the pure word of God shall be preached to every

Mississippian for his own sake and for the love we bear to God.

With the present prosperity and with the greater prosperity that will come to us in the opening of the great canal should make us more liberal in gifts to Missions. The canal means more railroads, great commercial organizations and enlargement of agricultural interest. These will bring many more people to our state and I may say all kinds of people with many different customs and many of these customs will be in direct opposition to the teachings of the word of God. Our children will be ready to imbibe some or all of these if we do not put the word of God foremost in our own mind and educate and christianize the present citizenship. To the Pearl River Association I will say we stand at the front and it is our duty to throw up a strong breastwork to help keep out these enemies of God.

Our territory is pierced by two railroads that have connections with deep water. The N. O. G. N. at New Orleans and the G. & S. I. at Gulfport. The world will look upon this part of the country as being undeveloped therefore we may expect it to be rapidly populated by people from every nation.

At present the population of Marion County is 15,599. This is about the population of the territory embraced by our Association. The minutes of our last meeting showed a membership of 1,912 souls numbering the negro Baptist and other denominations to be about 4,000 it would leave about 9,000 people who are not members of any church, admitting that half of these are under the age of 10 years, it will leave 4500 people

within the bounds of our association to be converted, many that do not have any chance to hear the word of God. Dividing this number by twenty-one churches in our association it will give us 220 for each church to reach. What are we doing towards this great task? Last year we gave \$230.50 for state missions, about 12c per member. The state board paid back into our bounds about \$380.00 to support the work, or \$149.50 more than we gave for that purpose. This amount is by no means enough to carry on the work as it should be. The pastors are poorly paid. We need more workers. We need houses of worship. Seven churches without homes in the association. There are other places to be occupied, new towns springing up as new railroads are built, so we need to be ready to give them the gospel. It will take money, time and talent to save this county, this state and this nation for God. Are you willing to begin at Jerusalem and help carry the things of much joy to the lost and dying world? If you are, give to state missions as you have never given before. Let each church try to double its gifts. Then we will not be able to do what ought to be done. In I. Cor. 16:2 Paul admonishes to lay by in store upon the first day of the week as had prospered. Now this means giving to state missions if it means any thing.

Let us decide how much we wish the state to be in the true sense a christian state and then show our wish by our gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. BASS.

Our Foreign Mission Work.

Foreign Mission Work means the glorious work of world-wide evangelization. Southern Baptists do their work through the Foreign Mission Board, a committee of consecrated men appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, which represents a constituency of over two million Baptists. Splendid opportunities are before us—China with 440,000,000 people is passing through a marvelous transformation. Now is the opportune time to give them the gospel of liberty. Japan is leading the Orient. Shall we lead Japan to Christ? Mohammedism threatens to submerge Africa. Shall we turn back the tide by the power of the gospel? South America, Mexico and Italy are sick and tired of Romanism; they are ready for the gospel message—are we ready to give it to them? Vast open doors which we have not yet been able to enter lie before us.

We have on the field 273 missionaries, thirty of whom were sent out last year, and they have around them 531 native helpers and are training hundreds of others. We have a total of 804 workers on the foreign field. Among these are fifteen medical missionaries and five nurses working in seven hospitals and 12 dispensaries who treated last 40,716 and lead many of these to Christ. Blessed work.

We have 297 churches and 605 out stations with a memberships of 21,343, and in addition we have 233 houses of worship and 372 Sunday schools with 13,226 scholars; and also seven women schools with 140 pupils and nine theological training schools with 212 students.

Our printing presses are sending out Bibles and millions pages of religious literature. Our respective

missions are: China, Japan, Africa, Mexico, Italy, Brazil and Argentina. The reports coming from all these fields are very encouraging and the outlook is exceedingly hopeful. Our missionaries reported 3,618 baptisms last year which was a decided increase over the year before. The work has grown so rapidly that it cost far more last year than our people were willing to give. If we meet the actual necessities of our foreign fields we must greatly enlarge our offerings. Southern Baptist gave last year \$510,008.97 which was a small gain over the previous year. We must, if we maintain our work, give this year not less than \$600,000. Will we give it? Mississippi has asked for \$38,000. Our association has been asked for \$250. Certainly we ought raise more than that, and will do it.

Therefore, we recommend, first, That all our people help by sympathy and prayer; by subscribing for and reading the Foreign Mission Journal; by self-denying sacrifice by all, and by liberal gifts, and by sending in their gifts NOW and not waiting for the season of pressure in March and April. Second, That we solemnly pledge ourselves to do all in our power to raise the amount of \$250 which has been asked of the association this year.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Report on Obituaries.

We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to report that during this associational year nine of our members have gone to their reward. The name of the

dead and the churches to which they belonged are as follows:

Columbia—J. R. Berry, Miss Jessie Conner, and Miss Laura Mae Strahan; China Grove—Amanda Wallace and Mahala Stringer; Magee's Creek—Dora Roberts and Johnnie Otherage; Philadelphia—Lutreasia Robbins; Oloh—Sister Martha Pace.

H. C. PATTERSON,

D. W. DUNAWAY,

A. R. RATLIFF,

Committee.



SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS POSTOFFICE	SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	No Baptised	Expenses
Antioch	W. D. Holmes, West Columbia	J. Spence, Buford	5	40	7	7.64
Cedar Grove	A. H. McDaniel, Columbia	Miss Emma Dowdy, Columbia	6	40	18	5.00
China Grove	A. R. Ratliff, China Grove	Minnie Ginn, Kokomo	5	45		4.00
Columbia	N. R. Drummond, Columbia	Burrrough Koen, Columbia	12	283	36	72.80
Edna	J. I. Cooper, Edna	Elijah Ford, Columbia, R. 4	5	40	1	5.20
Emanuel	H. F. Patterson, Spring Cottage	E. W. Hogg, Spring Cottage	5	32	2	3.57
Good Hope	Q. G. Bryant, Columbia, R. 1	S. J. Webster, Columbia, R. 1	5	86	10	3.50
Holly Springs	G. M. Carr, Claude	Miss Belle Lowe, Darbun	5	30		6.00
Hickman	E. P. Rankin, Hickman	J. O. Warren, Hickman	10	90	6	10.00
Improve	J. J. Holmes, J. W. Hitt, Improve	Lela Morris, Improve		20		20.00
Jamestown	L. A. Pittman, Jamestown	Laura Dempsey, Jamestown				
Little River	J. D. Thornhill, Nome	Mrs. Kate Berdon, Darbun	4	64		4.00
Magee's Creek	R. A. Edelman, Claude	Julia Beard, Claude	7	30		11.15
Morganston			5	30		3.00
New Hope			6	35		4.70
Oloh	Wilbur Lott, Columbia, R. 2	Alvin Lott, Oloh				
Pinebur						
Philadelphie	Jno. C. Ryals, Goss	Lela Williamson, Goss	8	137	15	9.54
Shiloh	W. E. Turnage, Pittman	W. D. Taylor, Buford	10	70	14	
West Columbia	J. R. Robertson, West Columbia	Walter Wesley, West Columbia	6	46		
White-bluff	C. T. Carmichael, White Bluff	Miss Dixie May, White Bluff	6	29	2	1.90

Morgantown	R. A. E. dieman, Claude	4.00
New Hope	Wilbur Lott, Columbia, R. 2	11.15
Oloh	Alvin Lott, Oloh	3.00
Pinebur	Jno. C. Ryals, Goss	4.70
Philadelphia	W. E. Turnage, Pittman	8.137
Shiloh	J. R. Robertson, West Columbia	15.954
West Columbia	C. T. Carmichael, White Bluff	10.70
Whitebluff		6.46
		2.29
		1.90

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	No Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Membership
Antioch	J. E. Davis, Columbia	H. H. Pittman, Buford	7	0	1	0	2	0	97
Cedar Grove	G. H. Suttle, Columbia	E. R. Applewhite, Columbia	19	6	0	1	8	0	233
China Grove	F. B. Fortenberry, Grimsley	A. H. Ginn, China Grove	0	0	0	1	3	2	28
Columbia	J. B. Quinn, Columbia	E. I. Watts, Columbia	46	35	1	1	8	3	354
Edna	R. N. Davis, Perkinston	W. S. Cooper, Edna	1	2	0	0	0	1	33
Emmanuel	F. D. Cox, Columbia	H. F. Patterson, Spring Cottage	1	2	0	0	0	4	19
Good Hope	T. B. Fortenberry, Grimsley	G. M. Carr, Columbia Rt. 1	3	4	0	3	20	0	55
Holly Springs	R. L. Bridges, Wesson	E. W. Leigh, Hickman	16	1	5	1	7	0	157
Hickman	R. F. Bass, Columbia	R. E. Belle, Improve	11	8	0	0	3	0	25
Improve	J. L. Watts, Improve	N. O. Lowe, Jamestown	6	5	2	2	5	0	118
Jamestown	R. F. Bass, Columbia	A. J. Ward, Edna	4	5	0	0	0	0	20
Little River	J. L. Watts, Improve	J. D. Thornhill, Nome	0	4	0	1	1	2	55
Magee's Creek	W. J. Sargent, West Columbia	R. W. Hammond, Claude	30	17	0	0	0	0	145
Morgantown	T. D. Cox, Columbia	L. W. McKenzie, Pittman	2	0	0	0	3	0	99
New Hope	J. P. May, Tylertown	G. W. Lott, Oloh	6	9	0	4	3	1	42
Oloh	J. E. Davis, Columbia Rt. 2	Jno. C. Ryals, Goss	23	9	3	0	7	1	86
Pinebur	T. D. Cox, Columbia Rt. 1	H. T. Pittman, Pittman	14	0	2	0	0	0	129
Philadelphia	W. J. Collins, Bogue Chitto	G. M. Hammond, West Columbia	0	4	0	0	0	0	137
Shiloh	R. L. Bridges, Wesson	C. T. Carmichael, White Bluff	2	1	0	0	0	0	29
West Columbia	G. H. Suttle, Columbia		2	1	0	0	0	0	18
White Bluff									

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STATISTICAL TABLE

	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Gen'l Associa- tional Missions	Missional Education	Mississippi College	Baptist Orphanage	Minutes	Visiting Ministers	Building and Repairs	Other objects	Total	Value-House of Worship
Antioch	125 00	7 35	5 05	4 50		3 00			2 25	4 00		14 25	15 21	500 00
Cedar Grove	200 00	14 70	14 25	42 70		2 50			5 25	25 00			318 65	800 00
China Grove	100 00	2 00	1 50	2 50		4 00		1 50	90	12 20		187 70	123 60	400 00
Columbia	1200 00	233 76	237 00	172 25		15 00	40 00	281 45	5 00	160 38	398 20	3 15	3929 83	2748 29
Edna	150 00			8 70		3 00			1 50	40 00	145 00	3 40	311 35	650 00
Emanuel	100 00	5 15		5 05		5 00			1 50	10 00		1 50	130 10	
Good Hope	50 00		1 00	1 25					1 25	3 35		30 20	58 35	541 00
Holly Springs	100 00	10 00	10 00	10 00					1 50	27 81		3 30	189 51	500 00
Hickman	75 00			10 00				3 00	1 50	12 00		10 00	101 50	1000 00
Improve	100 00	18 46	3 25	3 25				6 12	2 35	13 05	100 00	3 15	256 48	
Jamesstown	100 00			10 00					1 50	34 53			149 18	750 00
Little River	100 00					5 00			2 00				107 00	1200 00
Magee's Creek	170 00	8 85	3 00	6 25				5 35	2 90			54 20	196 35	1000 00
Morgantown	100 00		4 65	5 45		5 00			1 50	32 00	135 00		237 80	1800 00
New Hope				8 90				7 00	2 35	13 18			24 43	1400 00
Oloh	150 00	13 45	59 40	8 25		5 00			3 00	17 50	41 75		265 35	
Placbar														
Philadelphia	100 00		11 60	2 50		10 80			1 35	16 26			142 51	500 00
Shiloh	100 00	3 00	3 30	3 00		3 00			2 25	21 65			136 20	236 50
West Columbia	50 00	2 00	2 00	3 00									57 90	
Whitebluff				10 00					1 00				11 00	

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New Hope	150 00	13 45	59 40	8 90	9 00	7 00	1 50	32 00	135 00	237 80
Oloh	100 00	3 00	11 00	2 50	5 00	10 80	2 35	13 18	24 43	1800 00
Plaebur	100 00	3 00	3 30	3 00	10 80	3 00	3 00	17 50	265 35	1400 00
Philadelphia	50 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 35	16 26	142 51	200 00
Shiloh							2 25	21 65	136 20	500 00
West Columbia							90		57 90	226 50
Whitebluff							1 00		11 00	